

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY



STINGER SPORTS

THE PRIDE OF THE SHAUGHNESSY CUP

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When the Concordia Stingers travel to McGill next September 19 to meet the Redmen the cross-town rivalry will take on added meaning at Molson Stadium. Not only will the Shaughnessy Cup, symbolic of Montreal university football supremacy, be up for grab but the game will also mark the entry of Shriners on the scene.

The starting time of the game has been moved back to 3 p.m. in order to accomodate a parade. With most of the proceeds going to the Shriners group, a new dimension will be built into the always entertaining Shaughnessy Cup spectacle.

There have been 18 Shaughnessy Cups in all since the competition got started back in 1969 as a series between McGill and then Loyola College. Six years later the latter institution merged with Sir George Williams University to form Concordia and the competition continued.

Concordia won the 1986 event by a 23-21 score. It turned out to be the Stingers lone victory of the season. McGill leads the competition with a record of 13-4-1. Concordia is 4-8 while Loyola lost five and tied one game.

The Cup is named after the legendary Frank Shaughnessy Sr. Nicknamed "Shag" he played under Knute Rockne at Notre Dame, as well as Major League Baseball, and served as president of the International Baseball League. In 1928 he coached the Loyola College football club to a Dominion Intercollegiate Intermediate championship.

"I think this game will give university football a big boost in Montreal," says Bob Philip, Concordia's acting director of fitness, recreation and athletics. "To have a group like Shriners involved and seeing the proceeds go to such a worthwhile cause gives us all here at Concordia a tremendous feeling."

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